Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" As the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup mentioned, the tender has been suspended and there has been a lot of agitation over the matter. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to look into the matter and start the work soon? May I also know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to see that a bridge is constructed over the Manantoddy river?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The suspension, if any, was due to the fact that there had been some representation about the selection of the site for the construction of the bridge. Finally, it has been settled. That is what the Chief Engineer now says. With regard to the bridge over the Manantoddy river, we shall consider the proposal."

*Construction of a bridge to ' Niduwat Thodu ' in Narath village, Chirakkal taluk.*

9-30 a.m. * 1285 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a bridge to ' Niduwat Thodu ' in Narath village, Madayi firka, Chirakal taluk, has been started; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The work has not yet been taken up for execution for want of funds."

*Change of policy with regard to the separation of Judiciary from the Executive.*

* 1286 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any change is contemplated by the Government at present on the question of the Separation of the Executive from the Judiciary after the formation of the new Cabinet?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No change of policy is contemplated."

*Expenditure incurred on the staff appointed to enforce the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947.*

* 1287 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officers appointed under the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947; and

(*b*) the expenses incurred in the year 1952 on that account in the State?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There are now 140 Assistant Inspectors of Labour appointed to enforce the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947.

" (*b*) During 1952–53, an expenditure of Rs. 8,75,400 was incurred on the staff in the Composite Madras State."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இப்பொழுது நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் 140 ஆபீசர்களில் ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் இருக்கிறார்களா ? அப்படியிருந்தால் அவர்கள் எத்தனைபேர்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question."

*Construction of the Kakkoti Bridge on the Calicut-Balusseri road.*

* 1288 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of the Kakkoti Bridge on the Calicut-Balusseri road has been completed; and

(*b*) if so, why it has not been opened yet?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The bridge was completed and opened for traffic on 2nd July 1954."

*Absorption of Sub-Magistrates in the Revenue Department after the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive.*

* 1289 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of Sub-Magistrates absorbed in the General Service of the Revenue Department after the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Forty-nine."

*Contributions by the Local Boards to the Indian Red Cross Society.*

* 1290 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether contributions from the funds of the Local Boards were permitted to be paid to the Indian Red Cross Society to carry on its humanitarian work quite successfully;

(*b*) whether they are still being continued to be paid; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) Does not arise."